the 2nd September 1921, that "Government find it difficult to attribute such unruly and lawless conduct to this cause (enhancement of school-fees) and wonder whether the pupils are not being deliberately misled and used by mischief-makers for their own purposes", will the Government be pleased to state whether they have instituted any enquiry into what they suspect to be the real cause of the students' strike and whether they have made any attempt to trace the "mischief-makers" and their object? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the investigation held by them and the result thereof?

Has any action been taken by Government against the said "mischief-makers"?

(*b*) In view of the importance of the question and to prevent the recurrence of such events in the future, do the Government propose to appoint a committee of enquiry to carefully investigate the origin and causes of the students' strike and the events that followed therefrom?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

7. A.—(*a*) The inference referred to in the question was based upon information before Government. Whether any further action is to be taken is a matter upon which Government are unable to make any statement at present.

(*b*) The member is referred to the answer to question 8 (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*).

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai.

8. Q.—(*a*) Has the attention of the Government been drawn to the discrepancies between the non-official statement published by Mr. A. Narayana Pillai and five other citizens of Trivandrum on the 24th September 1921 and the Government Press Communiqué dated the 24th September 1921 regarding the incidents that took place in the Arts College compound and its vicinity on the 5th Kanni 1097?

(*b*) Has the attention of Government been drawn to the representations made by the public and the press both in and outside Travancore urging the necessity of appointing an impartial committee of officials and non-officials to institute an enquiry into the matter above referred to?

(*c*) Do the Government propose to appoint such a committee? If not, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons for their decision?

(*d*) Has the District Magistrate of Trivandrum submitted any report to Government regarding the incidents that took place in the College compound on the 5th Kanni 1097, and, if so, was it received before the Press Communiqué of the 24th September was issued by Government? Will the Government be pleased to place the above-said report on the table?

(*e*) In case Government do not propose to appoint a committee of enquiry, will the Government be pleased to furnish information on the following points with reference to their Press Communiqué dated the 24th September:—

(i) What are the records on the basis of which the above-said communiqué was prepared? Are they such as can be placed before the Council? If so, will they kindly place the same on the table?

(ii) Have the Government conducted any independent investigation into the method adopted by the Police to disperse the crowd and have they enquired whether the Police have been guilty of any excesses? If so, will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the investigation and the result thereof? Will the Government kindly place the papers relating to the subject on the table?

(iii) Is it a fact that most of the Policemen who entered the College compound on the said date to disperse the crowd did not wear their numbers on their turbans? If so, will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken in regard to that matter?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

8. A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) In view of the circumstance that certain incidents connected with or arising out of the strike are *sub judice*, Government regret that they are unable to make any statement beyond saying that the Government Press Communiqué of the 24th September 1921 was based *inter alia* on the report and the representations of the District Magistrate and was revised by him before issue.

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai.

9. Q.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a statement showing—

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(*a*) the number of applications for remission of tax for the first half of 1097 received from the ryots of each of the taluks of the Trivandrum Division;

(*b*) the number of cases of remission granted or refused in each of the above-said taluks; and

(*c*) the total demand on account of Sirkar tax on paddy lands due from the first half of 1097 in each of the said taluks and the amounts remitted on account of failure of the Kanni crop of 1097?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

9. A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) A statement giving the information required by the member is laid on the table, so far as the taluks of Neyyattinkara and Trivandrum are concerned, to which alone the Remission Rules dated the 28th June 1914, are applicable. The other two taluks of the Division, *viz.*, Nedumangad and Chirayinkil, do not come within the purview of those rules (*vide* Appendix I).

Mr. N. Kumaran Asan.

10. Q.—(*a*) With reference to the answer furnished by Government to interpellations Nos. 14 (1), (2), and (3) (*a*) & (*c*) put at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd June 1921, will the Government be pleased to state whether the enquiry referred to therein has been completed, and, if so, what the results thereof are?

(*b*) Will they also be pleased to state whether they have taken any practical steps towards the removal of the notice boards in question, permanent or temporary, and, if so, who those steps are?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

10. A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The enquiry is nearing completion. Steps are being taken to throw open all public highways to all classes of the subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja. Steps are also being taken to similarly throw open all roads and streets, except such as are wholly or partly not open to all classes at stated intervals or throughout the year according to established custom.

Mr. N. Kumaran Asan.

11. Q.— With reference to the answers furnished by Government to Questions Nos. 4 and 7 put at the meeting of the Council held on the 24th February 1921, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of appointments made by the heads of the various departments from the 1st Chingam till the end of Karkadakam 1096, showing the dates of applications received, the qualifications of the candidates and the dates of appointments, etc.?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

11. A.—A caste-war statement of permanent initial appointments made by heads of departments during 1096 together with the qualifications of the persons so appointed will be compiled and laid on the table. As information regarding the dates of applications received and the dates of appointment cannot be furnished without an amount of labour which in the opinion of Government is not commensurate with its importance, Government regret their inability to furnish it.

Mr. N. Kumaran Asan.

12. Q.— With reference to their answer to Question No. 16 put at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd June 1921, will the Government be pleased to state whether the investigation in respect of the fires in question has been now closed, and if so, what the results thereof are?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

12. A—The investigation in respect of the occurrence in the Ambalapuzha temple has been closed. The origin of the fire has not been successfully traced. Final reports on the investigations in respect of the occurrences in the Kilirur and Pattiyur temples have not yet been received.

Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai.

13. Q.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the details of retrenchment effected in the establishments of the various departments of the State during 1096 and up to Tulam 1097, as also the financial effects thereof?

Financial Secretary Mr. K. George.

13. A.—A statement will be prepared and placed on the table.

Mr M. Subrahmanya Pillai.

14. Q.—Will the Government be pleased to state what progress they have been able to make in their programme of railway extension as foreshadowed in the Dewan's address to the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

14. A—The matter is still under correspondence.

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APPENDIX I.

[Vide answer to Question No. 9.]

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR REMISSION OF TAX RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF IN THE TALUKS OF THE TRIVANDRUM DIVISION FOR THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 1097.

Name of taluk.	No. of applications received.	No. of applications for remission.		Total demand for the first half year on paddy lands.			Amount remitted on account of failure of Kanni crop.			Remarks.
		Granted.	Refused.	Rs.	Chs.	C.	Rs.	Chs.	C.	No order sanctioning remission has been issued.
Trivandrum.	304	Nil.	Nil.	19,728	12	10	..	...	...	
Neyyattinkara.	224	Nil.	53	27,619	5	14	...	...	...	
Total	528	...	53	47,347	18	8	...	..	...	

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

Adverting to the answer furnished in interpellation No. 18 (*a*) to (*c*) asked by Mr C. Raman Tampi at the meeting of the Council held on the 2nd June 1921, a statement giving the details required by the member, as far as available, is placed on the table for perusal. The statement is far too long for being printed.

Adverting to the answer furnished to interpellation No. XV (*e*) asked by Mr. John Nidiry at the meeting of the Council held on the 28th July 1921, a statement showing the number of Kudivila applications received and disposed of during the last 3 years, as well as those pending up to the end of September 1921, is laid on the table.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE NUMBER OF KUDIVILA APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND DISPOSED OF DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS.

Divisions.	No. of applications received during the three years.	No. disposed of during the three years.	No. pending.
1. Northern ...	15	8	7
2. High Range ...	Nil.	„	„
3. Kottayam ...	82	21	61
4. Quilon ...	19	8	11
5. Shencottah ...	2	1	1
6. Southern ...	13	3	10
7. Central ...	92	43	49
Total	223	84	139

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The Secretary then reported that the Income-Tax Bill, the Anchal Regulation Amendment Bill and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation Amendment Bill, which were finally passed by the Council on the 28th July 1921, received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja on the 7th August 1921 and became law as Regulations VIII, IX and X of 1096, respectively.

The Secretary also reported the receipt of the following communications to the Council:—

(*A*) *The Ezhava Bill.*

Serial No.	From whom received.	Date.	Subject.
1	Mr. A. K. Govindan Channar, Padmavilasam, Haripad.	20th Chingam 1097.	Praying partly for thavazhee and partly for individual partition.
2	„ N. Kumaran, General Secretary, S. N. D. P. Yogam, Quilon.	11th Kanni 1097.	Forwarding the resolution of a general meeting of the Yogam, praying for individual partition and Makkathayam.
3	„ R. Padmanabhan Vaidyan and others representing the Ezhavas of Trivandrum Division.	12th October 1921.	Praying for the postponement of the consideration of the Bill.
4	„ P. Parameswaran and others representing the Ezhavas of Trivandrum Division.	9th Kanni 1097.	Do.
5	„ Ooli Nallamuttu Panikkar and others of Vilavancode.		Do.
6	„ Velayudhan and others of Palkulangara and Katakampalli, Trivandrum.		Do.
7	„ P. Parameswaran, President, Misravazhi Committee.	1st Tulam 1097.	Proposing certain amendments to the Bill.
8	„ Krishnan Velu and others of Chirayinkil.		Praying for the postponement of the consideration of the Bill.
9	„ Valiyavilayil Sankaran and others of Chirayinkil.	14th Tulam 1097.	Do.
10	„ Kaliyan Nilakantan and others of Central Travancore.	20th Tulam 1097.	Praying that the followers of Misravazhi may be exempted from the provisions of the Bill.
11	„ Matevan Kumaran and others.	21st Tulam 1097.	Do.
12	„ P. K. Kumaran, Paravur, and other Ezhavas.	8th November 1921.	Forwarding copy of a resolution passed at a public meeting of the Ezhavas at Trivandrum praying for passing the Bill at the ensuing meeting of the Council.
13	„ Matevan Mati and others.	21st Tulam 1097.	Praying for the postponement of the consideration of the Bill.

(*B*) *The Fisheries Bill.*

Serial No.	From whom received.	Date.	Subject.
1	Mr. G. Raman Menon, President, at a public meeting held at Alappad, Karunagapalli.	11th Karkatakam 1096.	Praying that fishing in the sea be exempted from the provisions of the Bill.
2	„ Cherukakkil Mootha Kocharayan, President, at a public meeting held at Kartigapalli on the 16th Karkatakam 1096.	23rd Karkatakam 1096.	Do.

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